

House Bill 1299

By: Representative Hanner of the 148th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide that future elections for the office of probate judge of Chattahoochee County
2 shall be nonpartisan elections; to provide for submission of this Act under the federal Voting
3 Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date;
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 All elections for the office of probate judge of Chattahoochee County conducted after the
8 effective date of this Act shall be nonpartisan elections as provided for in Code Section
9 21-2-139 of the O.C.G.A. Such nonpartisan elections shall be held and conducted as
10 provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code."

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 Nothing in this Act shall affect the term of office of the probate judge of Chattahoochee
13 County in office on the effective date of this Act. The sitting probate judge shall serve out
14 the term of office for which he or she was elected and shall be eligible to succeed himself or
15 herself as provided in this Act.

16 **SECTION 3.**

17 The governing authority of Chattahoochee County shall through its legal counsel cause this
18 Act to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
19 amended; and such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or
20 filed with the appropriate court no later than 60 days after the date on which this Act is
21 approved by the Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

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